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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Ultra-High Molecular Weight Polyethylene from the Republic of Korea: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 24, 2020, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of imports of ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene from the Republic of Korea.¹ Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than August 11, 2020.

Postponement of Preliminary Determination

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a LTFV investigation within 140 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1) of the Act

¹ See *Ultra-High Molecular Weight Polyethylene from the Republic of Korea: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 85 FR 17861 (March 31, 2020).

permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 190 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) the petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On June 24, 2020, the petitioner² submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary determination in this LTFV investigation.³ The petitioner stated that it requests postponement of the preliminary determination to allow Commerce to review supplemental questionnaire responses it has not yet received, to permit a thorough investigation, and ensure the calculation of an accurate dumping margin.⁴

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner has stated the reasons for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determination, and Commerce finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, Commerce is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination to September 30, 2020, 190 days after the date on which this investigation was initiated. In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination of this

² The petitioner is Celanese Corporation.

³ See Petitioner's Letter, "Petitioners for the Imposition of Antidumping Duties on Imports of Ultra-High Molecular Weight Polyethylene from the Republic of Korea: Petitioner's Request for Postponement of the Preliminary Determination," dated June 24, 2020.

⁴ *Id.*

investigation will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination, unless extended.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

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